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TO : Assistant Director for Operations

DATE: 6 December 1949

FROM : Acting Chief, FDD

SUBJECT: FDD Monthly Progress Report - November 1949

1. Implementation of Recently Proposed Plans

- a. The first issue of Consolidated Translation Survey was published and disseminated to the IAC.
- b. Steps have been implemented to report information from foreign documents with expanded comments of a factual nature for the assistance of ORE evaluators. The first report of this type [] was a study of overseas Chinese reaction to the Chinese Communist government. This report received favorable comment and a request for more of this type of reporting.

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2. Accomplishments

- a. Procurement of Soviet publications through special sources. Five shipments of Soviet publications amounting to 450 documents have been received from non-routine sources this month. These included newspapers from Asiatic USSR and many new titles, the continued receipt of which is being arranged.
- 25X1A b. A shipment of Chinese Communist newspapers [] has been received for exploitation. These cover a period of publication from May to September 1949.
- c. Thirty-seven cases of Chinese Communist documents have recently arrived in the US. Arrangements have been made for FDD to exploit those of intelligence interest upon their arrival in Washington.

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3. Proposals for Improvement

- a. Special arrangements have been made to initiate the flow of underground publications in French Indochina through non-routine sources.
- b. Through the Department of Army arrangements have been made for G-2 Section, Far East Command to institute collection activities of Far Eastern publications for FDD exploitation. The effort will be directed toward Eastern USSR, Northern Korea and Communist China.

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- c. A new study has been initiated to determine the value of domestic foreign language publications to intelligence.

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1. Implementation of Recently Proposed Plans

a. During the month replies were received from the IAC Agencies re the proposed NSCID on foreign document exploitation. Several emendations suggested were incorporated into a new draft, which, after concurrence of CIA Offices, was forwarded to the IAC for concurrence.

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b. The first issue of the Consolidated Translation Survey was published as an [] and disseminated to the IAC, thus informing the agencies of translations completed and in progress during the month by translation facilities of the Departments of State, Army, Navy, Air and CIA.

2. Accomplishments

a. Conference with the Technical Services, Department of Army

A conference was arranged with the Technical Services, Department of Army, in which the chief of the Scientific Branch, FDD, explained the Branch activities and capabilities. The conference resulted in clarifying many questions in the minds of the representatives of the Technical Services and produced increased interest in the services performed by the Branch.

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b. Screening of the [] now in custody of the Army Library, was completed during the month. This library contains some [] items primarily of reference value on Eastern Europe. Many valuable dictionaries and other reference materials have been procured on loan for use in the Division.

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c. Part of the [] is now in FDD and is being screened for material of intelligence interest. Shipment of the remainder from the European theatre is anticipated shortly.

d. [] Documents

As a result of four months of search and inquiry, the microfilms of the [] Documents were finally

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located at the Signal Corps, Long Island City, New York.
These documents, which were in the possession

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e. Procurement of Soviet Publications Through Special Sources

A CIA letter was prepared commending the State Department staff both in Washington and in the field for their part in successfully implementing the project initiated by the Foreign Documents Division in August 1948, for the procurement of Soviet publications through [redacted] sources. This project has terminated and necessary security measures in the field have been taken to close the project.

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f. During the month 176 special requests from CIA Offices and the IAC for information concerning existence and availability of foreign language source material were received and answered.

g. Ten shipments of USSR publications were received by FDD from non-routine sources.

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i. The first shipment of German scientific publications from the Soviet Zone was received through non-routine sources during the month and has been fully exploited.

3. Proposals for Improvement

- a. It is proposed to issue the Consolidated Translation Survey as a mimeographed publication and to reorganize it with subject headings for the greater convenience of researchers and analysts.
- b. Special steps are planned to revitalize procurement of current Chinese publications, which recent events in China have seriously impaired.
- c. In a memorandum to ORE, Foreign Documents Division proposed steps by which it could further assist ORE evaluators through expanded comments of a factual nature on foreign documents. ORE concurred in this proposal and FDD plans to implement this immediately.

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- d. It is proposed by FDD to find one general title for its long reports and publications so as to issue all of these in one series.
- e. In negotiations with OSO, OCD, ORE and Management FDD proposed publication in its series reports of information from foreign language documents forwarded as enclosures by OSO to OCD and ORE.

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- a. FDD has begun the exploitation of the Albanian press for intelligence purposes.
- b. Two shipments of USSR provincial press were received through
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- c. Five shipments of USSR periodicals through "special" sources were received in September.

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